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Ms. (b) (6)

Colbert, WA 99005

RE: Farewell to You and the Colbert Landfill Project

Dear (b) (6) :

Hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. I am not sure where to begin. As we discussed on the telephone about a week ago, I told you that I would probably be taking another job in Ecology. Well, that change is for certain now, and is effective April 2, 1990. The project management duties for Ecology on the Colbert project will be picked up by Mike Kuntz. He will also function as the hydrogeologist for the project, replacing Russ Darr, who you never met. Mike has been with the Cleanup Program for about 4 years. He comes to the Colbert project with experience in project management on other cleanup sites, ground water pump and treat experience at the Western Processing site in Kent, working with Landau Associates on other sites, and a strong interest in working on the Colbert project. These attributes will all be beneficial to the success of the Colbert project. We are currently working to fill the community relations position, formerly held by Chuck Matthews. Our engineering position is also vacant, with hiring in process. Mike Kuntz's telephone number is (206) 438-3079. His address is: Department of Ecology, Woodland Square Building, Mail Stop PV-11, Olympia, WA 98504-8711.

I will still be working in the Cleanup Program, but at Ecology's Southwest Regional Office. I will have five people working for me who are site managers, field inspectors, or deal with leaky underground storage tanks. I will also have projects myself to manage. My "territory" covers the southwest part of the State. The job switch is a lateral transfer for me, and not a promotion.

I have really enjoyed working with you on the Colbert project. Your commitment to the project and serving as the focal point for the community for all these years is amazing. How you have kept it up for so long is almost beyond my comprehension. I salute you, (b) (6)! I hope that you and Mike Kuntz are able to establish a good working relationship in the near future. As we have discussed in the past, try not to burn yourself out or endanger your personal life for the sake of the Colbert project. Allow others to take on some of the

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tasks you have carried for all these years. Also, remember to use the "channels" available to help you resolve problems and issues.

I will miss you a lot, (b) (6). If you have any questions or would just like to talk, I can be reached at (206) 753-2353, or call our toll free number 1-800-458-0920, and I will call you back. Take care of yourself. Hopefully the Colbert Landfill Contaminant Area Committee will continue to assist Ecology, EPA and Spokane County in keeping the community informed as well as to keep the governmental agencies apprised of the community's concerns, fears, and desires. Keep well and give my regards to (b) (6)

Love,

Mike Blum

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cc: (b) (6) Colbert Landfill Contaminant Area Committee Chairman
Mike Kuntz, Ecology
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